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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated September 8, 2004, in the above-identified application.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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web, or a method of making a PSA wherein the sealed pouches are filling with a liquid monomer mixture, polymerizing the liquid monomer mixture, and then producing a PSA by blending the contents of the pouches with the material used to form the pouches.

The patent to Rado (U.S. Patent No. 3,001,348) discloses an apparatus for the continuous production of filled containers. Rado, however, also fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method of making a PSA or a method of making a PSA wherein the sealed pouches are filled with a liquid monomer mixture, polymerizing the liquid monomer mixture, and then producing a PSA by blending the contents of the pouches with the material used to form the pouches.

Applicant therefore submits that the teachings of these references in no way render the present invention as defined by new independent claim 27 unpatentable. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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